## VERIFICATION OF OYSTER TREATMENT PROCESS TO REDUCE VIBRIO VULNIFICUS TO NON-DETCTABLE LEVELS

Title 17, California Code of Regulations Section 13675

Pursuant to Title 17, California Code of Regulations (CCR) Section 13675(g), the Department of Health Services has determined that oysters harvested from the Gulf of Mexico and processed using high hydrostatic pressure by

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PO BOX 5516
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Shellfish Certification Number: TX 216 SP

have been scientifically validated to reduce the level of *Vibrio vulnificus* in raw Gulf oysters to "non-detectable" (<3 MPN/g) and are not subject to the restrictions for sale required by Section 13675(c)(5) or written warnings required in Section 13675(b).

Section 13675 (h) requires that the oyster processor provide a copy of this exemption letter to any dealer or retail food facility in California to whom the processor sells or provides processed Gulf of Mexico oysters.

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